

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-12, 15-16, 21-26, 28-33, 36-42, 44-50, 53-56 and 59-60 have been cancelled. Claims 13, 14, 34, 35, 51, 52, 57 and 58 are amended and pending in this application.

1. Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indication that claims 13, 14, 34, 35, 51, 52, 57 and 58 would be allowed if rewritten in independent claim form to include claim limitations found in intervening claims. In response, amended claims 13 and 14 each include claim limitations previously found in intervening claims 1, 7 and 9. Amended claims 34 and 35 now include claim limitations previously found in intervening claims 22, 28 and 30. Amended claims 51 and 52 now include claim limitations previously found in intervening claims 38, 45 and 47. Finally, amended claims 57 and 58 now include limitations previously found in intervening claims 21 and 56. No new matter has been added by these amendments. All of these claims have also been amended, without changing their scope, to place them into better conformance with preferred USPTO practice. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 13, 14, 34, 35, 51, 52, 57 and 58 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

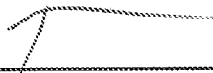
Applicants' respectfully assert that each of claims 13, 14, 34, 35, 51, 52, 57 and 58, is in compliance with 35 USC 102 and 103, and as such, each define patentable subject matter. A Notice of Allowance is therefore believed to be in order and the same is respectfully requested.

No other fees are believed to be payable with this communication. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview with the undersigned would facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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